

Causes, course, consequences of the 30 Years War

Causes	Course of Events	Consequences
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Peace of Augsburg (1555) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allowed each Ger. prince to choose religion for area (RC or Luth) Most RC regions in north had converted within a few decades Rise of Calvinism – no allowances in P of Augs. formation of Protestant Union and Catholic League national rivalries between France and the Hapsburgs (rulers of both Spain and Austria and were HRE) 	<p><u>Revolt in Bohemia 1618-20</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 nationalities (Ger and Czech); 4 religions (RC, Luth, Cal, and Hussite) Ferdinand (heir to HRE) named king of Bohemia (CR RC) Defenestration of Prague (killing imperial governors); Prot offered crown to leader of Prot Union; Catholic League supports Ferd, who is now also HRE Imperial army crushed Bohemia and turned loose the SJ to convert <p><u>Danish Intervention 1625-29</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> RC victory in Boh scared Prots in Ger, but failed to unite them (Luth kingdom of Saxony actually helped Ferd. In Bohemia) Prot Denmark joins the fighting, mainly to grab land in north Germany Danes driven out by Wallenstein and CL supporters Edict of Restitution (since 1552) <p><u>Gustavus Adolphus, 1630-32</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Intervened in reaction to Edict of Restitution, to protect Sweden's Baltic interests, and to create a Luth league under his control His army won a number of victories until he was killed at the Battle of Lützen – saved Ger Prot, but did not decide the war <p><u>France Intervenes 1635-48</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Richelieu intervenes to weaken both Spanish and Austrian Hapsburgs to end the Haps encirclement of France Accepted all enemies of the Haps as allies, regardless of religion (began in 1620s by subsidizing both Dutch and Swedes) The war dragged on until the French and Swedes finally defeated the Hapsburgs in the Netherlands and Austria 	<p>Treaty of Westphalia</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> “Peace of Exhaustion” 1st real peace conference HRE dissolved into over 300 sep states Land to Sweden and France Reaffirmed Peace of Augsburg, but added Calvinism Froze Church controlled lands in Ger at 1624 <p>religion is now secondary to national concerns in Europe</p> <p>destruction of economy in central Europe</p> <p>Massive loss of life due to fighting, plague and starvation (20-40% of HRE; some areas up to 80%)</p> <p>rise of absolutism – people accepted it to end chaos of religious dissent and civil wars</p>